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SUBJECT: GO INTEREST IN SPACE PROJECT

REF: STATE 220688, TEHRAN 8415

1. SCIATT SPOKE WITH AHMAD SAFARI, DIRECTOR FOR ENGINEERING AFFAIRS FOR NATIONAL IRANIAN RADIO TELEVISION, CONCERNING TRW INQUIRY TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL. HAGOPIAN, A DEPUTY TO SAFARI, IS AT PRESENT IN U.S. INVESTIGATING ASPECTS OF THE TECHNOLOGY OF EDUCATIONAL SATELLITE TV WITH TRW AND OTHERS.

2. GOI DEFINITELY INTERESTED IN EDUCATIONAL SATELLITE AS EXPRESSED SEVERAL TIMES AT HIGHEST LEVEL. A TASK FORCE OF MINISTERS CONCERNED WAS FORMED EARLIER THIS YEAR. OPERATIONAL STATUS NOT PLANNED BEFORE 1978, SINCE PROGRAM MATERIAL COULD NOT BE READY EARLIER. ALSO, GOI STILL CONSIDERING HOW SATELLITE SHOULD BE EQUIPPED AND USE, I.E., TELECOMMUNICATIONS USE AS WELL AS TV, MILITARY AS WELL AS CIVIL?

3. IRANIAN AIR FORCE MAY WANT TO USE SATELLITE AS ALTERNATE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN NEW RADAR INSTALLATIONS. BECAUSE OF MILITARY INTEREST IN PROJECT, ESTIMATED COST OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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\$70-130 MILLION SEEN AS NO PROBLEM.

4. IT IS PROBABLE THAT DECISIONS ON THE ROLE OF THE SATELLITE
AND ITS GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE MADE BY MARCH, 1974.

5. IT IS UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT ONLY AMERICAN COMPANIES HAVE THE
CAPABILITY OF SUPPLYING THE SATELLITE EQUIPMENT NEEDED AND THAT
HUGHES, FAIRCHILD-HILLER (WITH TRW), AND PHILCO-FORD HAVE ALREADY
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE GOI ON THIS SUBJECT. HEWLETT-PACKARD
WAS MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE SOURCE FOR DIRECT RECEPTION GROUND
RECEIVERS.
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